

Navy Sees Way To Keep Flyers At Rockaway

Asks Weeks to Give Up 94 Acres of Fort Tilden Site, Which Would Be Traded for City's Beach Property

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Local Officials Favorable to Plan for Retaining Station, Roosevelt Says

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—Acting Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt has announced that negotiations for the retention of the Rockaway, Long Island, naval air station are progressing toward a favorable conclusion.

The City of New York, he said, has made two proposals:

1. That the navy take over and develop Barren Island as a site for the station.
2. That the Navy Department induce the War Department to cede to the city about ninety-four acres of land of the Fort Tilden site in exchange for the land now occupied.

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"The Uncle Sam made a perfect start in a northeast direction over Lake Geneva. Passing Bern and Lucerne we were caught in three severe electric and storm clouds, which we passed, Zurich was reached at midnight, the Bodensee, on the German border, at an altitude of 8,000 feet, flying eastward, at 5 o'clock Monday morning.

"After this our progress was slow in an easterly direction. Budapest was reached at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon, and at 7 o'clock the evening we came down at Tapiro-Gyorgyev among plains and under forested mountains, and were royally entertained by Landlord Adam Fluck."

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The American Legion News: Local, State, National

Veterans Urged to Deluge Senators With Demands That Bonus Bill Be Passed During This Session

Brooklyn Negro Post Band, Newly Organized, Will Give Concerts and Dances to Aid Jobless Men

Physicians Indorse Hospital Training Plan for Veterans

Col. C. R. Forbes, Originator of Idea, Says Reaction Has Been Immediate; Details Are Working Out

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—The plan of Colonel Charles R. Forbes, director of the United States Veterans' Bureau, to give several thousand veterans in hospitals benefit of a practical vocational training right in the hospitals the minute they are able to do so has received a favorable reaction from physicians and welfare workers, it was declared today by the bureau.

The new policy is aimed to restore the spirit of 65 per cent of the tubercular and mental cases in the hospitals now managed by the bureau; practically all of these patients are able enough to walk around and to work about their future because they do not have enough to do.

"Of course, there are many important angles to this problem," declared Colonel Forbes yesterday, "all of which are being carefully worked out by this office and the medical division of the bureau.

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Real Estate News

350 Millions in Month Spent for New Buildings

July Construction Far Ahead of Previous July; Residential Construction Is Slowing Down at Present

July was the fourth consecutive month of unprecedented building activity, according to the F. W. Dodge Company. Contracts awarded during the month in the twenty-seven northern States amounted to \$350,081,000. This was a 2 per cent increase over June and a 65 per cent increase over July, 1921. It is greater than any previous month except the record figures of April and May of 1921. The July increase was in central Western territory. Eastern districts have shown slight declines.

The July figure brought the total for the first seven months of this year up to \$2,041,065,000, an unprecedented figure, 60 per cent greater than that for the corresponding period of 1921.

July showed a leveling tendency not only as between localities, but as between classes of construction. There was a decline in the volume of residential construction from June, which was more than equalized by increases in industrial and public works construction. The figure for industrial plants, \$1,882,000, which was 9 per cent of the month's total, public works and utilities amounted to \$79,162,000, or 33 per cent of the total; business buildings, \$44,020,000, or 13 per cent of the total; educational buildings, \$4,690,000, or 12 per cent of the total.

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New England Falls Behind

July building contracts in New England amounted to \$25,904,000. While this was a decrease of 32 per cent from the preceding month, it was an increase of 24 per cent over July, 1921. Construction started in New England during the first seven months of this year has amounted to \$201,110,000, an increase of 27 per cent over the corresponding period of last year.

Included in last month's total were the following items: \$13,109,000, or 51 per cent, for residential buildings; \$3,587,000, or 14 per cent, for business buildings; \$2,635,000, or 10 per cent, for public works and utilities; and \$2,577,000, or 9 per cent, for educational buildings.

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From January 1 to August 1 the amount of work started in this district was \$310,762,000, an increase of more than 60 per cent over the corresponding period of last year.

Included in last month's total were \$15,907,000, or 29 per cent, for public works and utilities; \$15,216,000, or 28 per cent, for residential buildings; \$10,480,000, or 19 per cent, for business buildings, and \$6,426,000, or 12 per cent, for educational buildings.

Contemplated new work reported during the month amounted to \$91,404,000.

Pittsburgh District

Contracts awarded during July in Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee amounted to \$60,013,000, an increase of 10 per cent over June and of 39 per cent over July, 1921.

During the first seven months of this year the total amount of contracts awarded has been \$321,086,000, an increase of 25 per cent over the corresponding period of last year.

Last month's total included the following: \$17,045,000, or 28 per cent, for residential buildings; \$16,699,000, or 28 per cent, for public works and utilities; \$7,307,000, or 12 per cent, for educational buildings, and \$6,075,000, or 12 per cent, for business buildings, and \$7,011,000, or 12 per cent, for industrial buildings.

Contemplated new work reported during the month amounted to \$68,844,000.

Breaks Records

July building contracts in the Central West (comprising Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan, Missouri, Minnesota, Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma) amounted to \$124,655,000, the largest monthly figure on record for this district. The July figure was 19 per cent ahead of June and more than double the amount for July, 1921.

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Loft and Office Space Leased Up Town and Down Town

Albert B. Ashforth, Inc., leased space at 405 Fifth Avenue to the Daisy Products, Inc., in the Brokaw building, 1457 Broadway, to Leo Kronig, and in the Liggett Building, corner Forty-second Street and Madison Avenue, to John P. O'Brien.

Pease & Elliman, with Sharp & Co., leased the ground floor, 100,100, in the Bush Terminal Building, at 327 to 335 East Twenty-ninth Street, to the Barna Corporation, manufacturers of the pastry.

Spear & Co. leased the store and basement at 1047 Southern Boulevard to Abbey's, Inc., men's wear; the seventh floor at 114 and 116 East Twenty-fifth Street to Raymond Crane, the sixth floor at 52 and 54 East Thirty-first Street to Block & Dicks, dress manufacturers; the fourth floor at 42 to 44 West Thirty-third Street to Starr & Stern, dresses, cloaks and suits; the third floor front at 345 Sixth Avenue to Scheinback & Brief, and offices in the St. James building to the Steward Glass Company, Inc.

David Kramer leased to Frank McDowell 144 West Forty-eighth Street for a cafeteria.

The M. Rosenthal Company leased the second floor at 17 West Thirty-first Street to Sherman & Deutsch.

The Charles F. Noyes Company leased for the Lawyers Title and Trust

Company space at 160 Broadway to Clark, Williams & Co.; offices at 87 and 89 Nassau Street to Frederick W. Howell; offices at 68 William Street to Robert Arthur Fulton; space at 92 John Street to Harriet Leach, McCollum, and a floor at 20 Fulton Street to Rocco Gangemi.

350 Lots at Salsaire To Be Sold at Auction

The Fire Island Beach Development Company has commissioned the Jere Johnson Jr. Company to sell at auction this fall 350 lots at Salsaire, on Fire Island Beach. Among the recent improvements at Salsaire is a complete water pressure system. The summer colony comprises about one thousand persons.

Chance to Buy Dwelling in The Queen City of the Sound

Arthur C. Sheridan will sell at auction next Saturday the dwelling at 313 Center Avenue, New Rochelle. It has eleven rooms and four baths, and also a garage, on a half-acre plot.

Purchases Home in Flushing

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